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Regina Dewdney By-Election - June 28, 1999

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Speaker of the Legislative Assembly
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Honourable Speaker:

Pursuant to section 286 of *The Election Act, 1996*, I am honoured to submit the Report of the Chief Electoral Officer for the by-election held on June 28, 1999, in the provincial constituency of Regina Dewdney.

The Report presents by-election financial activities by registered political party and candidate. This Report also provides an overview of election administration and official voting results by polling division. Also included is summary data for election related expenditures of Elections Saskatchewan.

Respectfully submitted,

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Call of By-Election

Pursuant to subsection 35(b) of *The Legislative Assembly and Executive Council Act*, Mr. Ed Tchorzewski, New Democratic Party, Sask. Section, vacated his seat in the constituency of Regina Dewdney on January 18, 1999. On May 31, 1999, pursuant to an Order of the Lieutenant Governor in Council, a Writ of Election was issued by the Chief Electoral Officer to Ms. Lynn Scott, constituency returning officer. The Writ ordered that the by-election be held on Monday, June 28, 1999. An Election Calendar for the Regina Dewdney by-election is included on the last page of the Official Report.

Prior to the June 28, 1999 by-election, standing in the Legislative Assembly included: 40 New Democrat, 8 Saskatchewan Party, 5 Liberal, 2 Independent and 3 vacant.

Constituency Boundaries

The Regina Dewdney constituency boundary was enacted in 1994 under *The Representation Act, 1994*, on the recommendation of the Constituency Boundaries Commission, 1993, as established under *The Constituency Boundaries Act, 1993*. Polling divisions for purposes of the Regina Dewdney by-election included forty (40) regular polls. The Regina Dewdney constituency polling subdivision map and Directory of Communities are set out in Appendices I and V, respectively.

Registered Political Party and Candidate Nomination

At the time of the Regina Dewdney by-election, the Office recognized the existence of six (6) political parties in the Register of Political Parties, as maintained pursuant to section 231 of *The Election Act, 1996* (the "Act"). On June 12, 1999, nomination of candidates concluded. At close of nomination, only four (4) of the Province's registered political parties nominated candidates, as follows:

Candidate	Registered Political Party[1]	Abbreviation
Kevin Yates	New Democratic Party, Sask. Section	New Democratic Party (N.D.P.)
Victor Lau	New Green Alliance	New Green Alliance (NGA)
Hem Juttla	Saskatchewan Liberal Association	Liberal
Randall W. Edge	The Saskatchewan Party	The Saskatchewan Party

Each of the registered political parties' chief official agents and candidate business managers for the by-election were as follows:

Registered Political Party	Chief Official Agent
New Democratic Party, Sask. Section	Steven Bobiash
New Green Alliance	Kelly Wolfe

[1] The following Regina Dewdney By-Election Appendices abbreviate the names of the Province's registered political parties as follows: New Democratic Party, Sask. Section - N.D.P.; New Green Alliance - NGA; Saskatchewan Liberal Association - L.; The Saskatchewan Party - Sask.

Saskatchewan Liberal Association	F. William Johnson
The Saskatchewan Party	Donald Morgan
Candidate	**Business Manager**
Kevin Yates (N.D.P.)	Jim Jones
Victor Lau (NGA)	Blaine Gilbertson
Hem Juttla (L.)	Garry Johnson
Randall W. Edge (Sask.)	Linda J. Edge

Enumeration

From the 31st of May through to the 9th of June, enumeration of eligible electors was conducted for the constituency's forty polling divisions. Pursuant to section 26 of the Act, constituency enumerators sat on June 24, 1999 to make necessary revisions to the voters' lists. As a result of these efforts, 9,966 Regina Dewdney residents were declared eligible to vote, as established on the revised voters' list. In addition, pursuant to section 68 of the Act, eligible electors not included on the revised voters' list were entitled to vote by declaration.

Polling

To facilitate the electorate's participation in the Regina Dewdney by-election, an advance poll was conducted on the 22nd, 23rd, 24th, 25th and 26th of June. Regular polling stations were open from 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. CST on June 28, 1999, enabling the constituency's 9,966 eligible voters the opportunity to exercise their democratic franchise. Eligible voters unable to attend either a regular or advance poll were entitled to vote by absentee ballot.

Electoral Results

Unofficial electoral results were announced on the evening of June 28, 1999, resulting in Mr. Kevin Yates, New Democrat, being declared member elect. Deposits were forfeited by the New Green Alliance and Saskatchewan Party candidates, pursuant to section 47 of the Act, for not obtaining at least one half of the total number of valid votes cast for the candidate elected.

On July 10, 1999, the constituency returning officer tabulated the results of votes cast by way of advance poll and absentee ballot. These figures were then reflected in the constituency results concluding the final count. Upon completion of the final count, on July 21, 1999, the constituency returning officer made a Return to the Writ of Election. On August 6, 1999, the Office published in *The Saskatchewan Gazette* (Vol. 95, No. 31) notice of receipt of the Return to the Writ and the name of the candidate elected.

Registered Political Party and Candidate Financial Reporting

Pursuant to section 251 of the Act, audited Registered Political Party's Return of Election Expenses, Form E-524, were required to be filed with the Chief Electoral Officer within six (6) months of polling day (December 29, 1999).

Under section 261 of the Act, candidates were required to file an audited Candidate's Return of Election Expenses, Form E-412, with the constituency returning officer, for subsequent forwarding to the Chief Electoral Officer ,within three (3) months of the candidate returned being declared elected (October 11, 1999). Pursuant to the Act, the constituency returning officer published, in prescribed form, a summary of all returns respecting candidate election expenses prior to November 10, 1999.

i) Registered Political Parties

As a southern constituency, the maximum amount of money that could be spent by a registered political party in the Regina Dewdney by-election, as set out in section 243 of the Act, was, (a) the sum of $33,435.00 or (b) the sum obtained by multiplying the number of voters in the constituency (9,966) by $2.67, whichever sum was larger. A registered political party that endorsed a candidate who obtained fifteen (15) per cent or more of all valid votes cast in the by-election and whose chief official agent filed a Registered Political Party's Return of Election Expenses,[2] pursuant to section 264 of the Act, was entitled to receive a reimbursement of a portion of its election expenses from the Province's General Revenue Fund. The amount reimbursed to a qualifying political party was the lesser of either (a) $11,145.00 or (b) one third of its election expenses.

All participating parties in the Regina Dewdney by-election filed their duly audited Registered Political Party's Return of Election Expenses on or before December 29, 1999. Contributions made to political parties are not listed in the Registered Political Party's Return of Election Expenses but are set out in each party's fiscal period return, filed in accordance with section 250 of the Act. Appendix II sets out a summary of eligible expenses incurred by the registered political parties in Regina Dewdney and the amounts paid in respect of each party who qualified for reimbursement.

ii) Candidates

Candidates seeking election in Regina Dewdney were limited in the amount of money that they could expend. Again, as a southern constituency, a candidate seeking election was entitled to spend, pursuant to section 252 of the Act, either (a) the sum of $40,122.00 or (b) the sum obtained by multiplying the number of eligible voters in the constituency by $2.67, whichever sum was larger. A candidate who obtained fifteen (15) per cent or more of all valid votes cast in Regina Dewdney and whose business manager filed with the constituency returning officer a Candidate's Return of Election Expenses,[3] pursuant to section 265 of the Act, was entitled to reimbursement of a portion of their eligible election expenses. The amount reimbursed to a qualifying candidate was an amount equal to one half of the candidate's election expenses to a maximum of $20,061.00.

All candidates filed their returns respecting contributions received and election expenses incurred in the course of the by-election, duly audited, on or before October 11, 1999. On the 11th of February, 2000, the Office published in *The Saskatchewan Gazette* (Vol. 96, No. 6) a summary of candidate contributions received and expenditures incurred in Regina Dewdney, as well as the amounts paid in respect of each candidate who qualified for reimbursement. Such contributions, expenditures and reimbursements are reported in Appendix III.

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[2] Pursuant to subsection 267(3) of the Act, auditing services rendered in respect of preparation of a report pertaining to a Registered Political Party's Return of Election Expenses is eligible for a maximum reimbursable allowance of $2,054.00.

[3] Pursuant to subsection 267(6) of the Act, auditing services rendered in respect of preparation of a report pertaining to a Candidate's Return of Election Expenses is eligible for a maximum reimbursable allowance of $667.00.

Elections Saskatchewan Expenditures

The total cost of conducting the June 28, 1999 by-election in Regina Dewdney was $103,421.54. This figure is inclusive of, and reported by, administrative and constituency expenditure. See Appendix IV for an itemization of particular expenditures incurred in each of these two categories. Should further constituency expenditure specifics be required, refer to the Detail of Expenditures *The Election Act, 1996* Provincial Constituencies Fiscal Year 1999-2000, tabled in the Legislative Assembly on October 26, 2000.

Documentation

Pursuant to section 232 of the Act, the Chief Electoral Officer is obliged to hold, in addition to the information contained in the Register of Political Parties, all original financial particulars concerning registered political parties' fiscal period and election expenses documentation for the purposes of public inspection. Also held are the returns and the original financial documentation regarding individual candidate election expenses, pursuant to section 262 of the Act. Such information is available for public inspection during regular office hours at Elections Saskatchewan.

Election Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Writ of Election:		**-34** May 25	**-33** May 26	**-32** May 27	**-31** May 28	**-30** May 29
Minimum Writ Period: (28 days) The minimum number of days between issue of the Writ of Election and Nomination Day is 11 clear days. (The date fixed for issuing the Writ of Election and the date fixed for Nomination Day are to be excluded (clause 31(3)(b) and subsection (4)).						
Maximum Writ Period: (34 days) The maximum number of days between issue of the Writ of Election and Nomination Day is 17 clear days. (The date fixed for issuing the Writ of Election and the date fixed for Nomination Day are to be excluded (clause 31(3)(b) and subsection (4)).						
-29 May 30	**-28** May 31 **WRIT ISSUES** Date of issue of Writ of Election Commence accepting nomination of candidates s. 31(2), (3)(b), s. 44	**-27** June 1 Enumeration Schools	**-26** June 2 Print election Proclamation	**-25** June 3 Enumeration	**-24** June 4 Begin monitoring each enumerator's progress	**-23** June 5 Last day to post election Proclamation • Returning Officer's Office • Post Offices in constituency s. 34(3)
-22 June 6 Check completed E-200A and begin data entry of preliminary voters' lists	**-21** June 7	**-20** June 8 Photocopy secondary voters lists (E-200) to be distributed to each candidate as available	**-19** June 9 Enumeration completed; telephone C.E.O. with number of names enumerated	**-18** June 10 Commence selection of voters to act as deputy returning officers, poll clerks and alternates	**-17** June 11 Reproduction of secondary Voters' Lists completed (-18) Forward 3 copies (5 copies Northern constituencies) of each polling division list to enumerator; 10 copies including disk copy to known candidates; 5 copies to C.E.O. s. 25(1)(a), (b), s. 139(5)	**-16** June 12 **NOMINATION DAY** Facsimile/Telephone C.E.O. re: candidates • Furnish to Candidates list of candidates and enumerators s. 31(3)(b) s. 35(3), s. 44(1), s. 51(1)
-15 June 13 Arrange for publication of candidates nominated Arrange for printing of ballots s. 35, s. 51(2)	**-14** June 14 Secondary Voters' Lists, including list of enumerators, to be publicly displayed in the head office of (rural - each municipality in the constituency or urban - the municipality in which the constituency is situated) and in the constituency Returning Officer's Office (approximately sixteen (16) days before election day) • Commence accepting revisions to the secondary Voters' Lists	**-13** June 15 s. 25(1)(b)	**-12** June 16 Last day to receive Absentee Voter Applications s. 87(3)	**-11** June 17 Furnish to deputy returning officers (advance and regular polls) and candidates list of absentee voters to whom ballot paper was forwarded s. 88(3), (b)	**-10** June 18 D.R.O. Schools	**-9** June 19
-8 June 20 Election officers and campaign workers should be encouraged to vote at advance poll Last day for applicant voter to receive absentee ballot paper and related materials, if mailed s. 88(2)(b)	**-7** June 21 Last day for applicant voter to receive absentee ballot paper and related materials, if delivered s. 88(2)(a)	**-6** June 22 **ADVANCE POLL** **3 p.m. - 10 p.m. C.S.T.** s. 132(a)	**-5** June 23 **ADVANCE POLL** **3 p.m. - 10 p.m. C.S.T.** s. 132(a)	**-4** June 24 **ADVANCE POLL** **3 p.m. - 10 p.m. C.S.T.** **REVISION DAY** **2 p.m. - 10 p.m. C.S.T.** s. 26, s. 132(a)	**-3** June 25 **ADVANCE POLL** **3 p.m. - 10 p.m. C.S.T.** Prepare to receive enumerators' expense claims s. 132(a)	**-2** June 26 **ADVANCE POLL** **12 noon - 7 p.m. C.S.T.** Deadline for enumerator to deliver official Voters' List to deputy returning officer s. 28(3), s. 132(a)
-1 June 27 Receive advance poll voter information and forward to applicable deputy returning officers	**0** June 28 **ELECTION DAY** **9 a.m. - 8 p.m. C.S.T.** Ensure arrangements for the display and tabulation of unofficial results Facsimile/Telephone results of election to C.E.O. s. 62	**+1** June 29 Ensure all ballot boxes and election materials are received from deputy returning officers	**+2** June 30 Prepare to receive deputy returning officers' poll clerks' etc. expense claims	**+3** July 1 **CANADA DAY**	**+4** July 2	**+5** July 3 Last day for forwarding Imprest Account and related financial materials to C.E.O.
+6 July 4	**+7** July 5	**+8** July 6	**+9** July 7	**+10** July 8 12 noon deadline for receipt of absentee voter certificate envelopes (postmarked not later than 8 p.m. on election day) s. 88(5)(b), (c)	**+11** July 9	**+12** July 10 **FINAL COUNT** by Returning Officer s. 31(3)(e), s. 145
+13 July 11	**+14** July 12 Collection of ballot boxes and election materials by C.E.O. • Vacate office space	**+15** July 13	**+16** July 14 Last day to request a recount or an addition 156(2)(c)	**+17** July 15	**+18** July 16	**+19** July 17
+20 July 18	**+21** July 19	**+22** July 20	**+23** July 21 **RETURN TO THE WRIT** Forward election Return and other documents to C.E.O. s. 31(3)(f), s. 171	July 22	July 23	July 24

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Vote Summary by Constituency Polling Division: Regina Dewdney

Appendix I

Polling Location			Votes Cast For					Ballots
Poll No.	Name	Eligible Voters	Hem Juttla L.	Kevin Yates N.D.P.	Victor Lau NGA	Randall W. Edge Sask.	Total Counted	Rejected
1	Eastview Community Centre	268	17	49	10	3	79	-
2	Glen Elm School	169	11	31	2	13	57	-
3	Glen Elm School	289	17	43	12	10	82	-
4	Glen Elm School	269	26	48	11	7	92	-
5	Church of Christ	256	31	43	7	12	93	3
6	Church of Christ	201	17	38	5	7	67	-
7	Stewart Russell School	124	14	15	5	3	37	-
8	St. Catherine School	274	21	33	12	9	75	-
9	Glen Elm Trailer Court	138	9	38	5	9	61	-
10	Stewart Russell School	316	37	46	6	14	103	-
11	Stewart Russell School	184	16	28	1	5	50	-
12	Stewart Russell School	211	20	38	6	9	73	1
13	Stewart Russell School	247	31	27	10	8	76	3
14	Stewart Russell School	294	33	31	13	12	89	-
15	Stewart Russell School	193	5	22	9	4	40	-
16	St. Catherine School	222	20	27	2	13	62	-
17	St. Catherine School	204	30	57	4	13	104	1
18	St. Catherine School	330	27	47	7	9	90	-
19	Dr. George Ferguson School	200	20	40	6	5	71	-
20	Dr. George Ferguson School	253	35	34	9	8	86	-
21	Dr. George Ferguson School	277	16	22	6	6	50	-
22	Dr. George Ferguson School	288	30	44	4	12	90	-
23	St. Theresa School	215	19	40	6	4	69	-
24	St. Theresa School	172	15	22	5	8	50	-
25	St. Theresa School	354	55	39	6	14	114	-
26	Judge Bryant School	291	16	47	11	10	86	1
27	Judge Bryant School	188	24	21	10	8	63	-
28	Judge Bryant School	262	18	30	13	10	71	-
29	Judge Bryant School	265	32	31	9	9	81	-
30	St. Theresa School	307	25	30	4	12	71	-
31	St. Theresa School	236	13	12	7	10	42	-
32	Henry Braun School	263	37	40	4	3	84	-
33	St. Theresa School	217	22	32	16	4	74	-
34	Henry Braun School	285	38	55	9	21	123	-
35	Henry Braun School	281	25	39	7	14	85	1
36	Henry Braun School	186	11	20	2	13	46	-
37	Judge Bryant School	281	41	53	28	9	131	-
38	Henry Braun School	356	37	52	7	16	112	2
39	Judge Bryant School	329	28	53	16	11	108	1
40	St. Theresa School	271	23	34	3	4	64	2
	Glencairn Recreation Centre Advance		68	162	18	29	277	1
	Absentee Ballots		-	1	-	-	1	-
	Totals	9,966	1,032	1,614	333	400	3,379	16
	Candidate Elected - Kevin Yates							
	Plurality	582						
	% Who Voted	34.07%						
	% By Party		30.54%	47.77%	9.85%	11.84%		

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Constituency of Regina Dewdney

NOTE: SECOND EDITION

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URBAN MUNICIPAL BOUNDARIES AS OF JULY 1, 1995

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Summary of Expenses Incurred and Reimbursements Paid: Registered Political Parties

Registered Political Party	Maximum Expenses Allowable	Petty Expenses	Hire of Premises	Advertising
Liberal	33,435.00	–	–	–
New Democratic Party (N.D.P.)	33,435.00	–	–	–
New Green Alliance (NGA)	33,435.00	–	–	–
The Saskatchewan Party	33,435.00	–	–	–
Totals	133,740.00	–	–	–

(a) Unpaid claims, if paid, are included in the total of expenses used for the calculation of reimbursement; disputed claims are not.
(b) Party failed to qualify for reimbursement pursuant to subsection 264(1) of *The Election Act, 1996*.

Services	Goods Supplied	Travel and Hire of Vehicle	Unpaid or Disputed Claims(a)	Total of Expenses	Amount of Reimbursement
500.00	–	–	–	500.00	166.67
–	–	–	–	–	–
–	–	–	–	–	(b)
–	–	–	–	–	(b)
500.00	–	–	–	500.00	166.67

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Summary of Contributions Received, Expenses Incurred and Reimbursements Paid: Candidates and Business Managers

Candidate	Contributions Received	Maximum Expenses Allowable	Candidate's Personal Expenses(a)	Candidate's Campaign Expenses	Petty Expenses	Hire of Premises
Regina Dewdney						
(Eligible Voters - 9,966)						
Hem Jutta (L.)	38,679.70	40,122.00	–	–	549.40	2,070.00
Kevin Yates (N.D.P.)	38,203.16	40,122.00	–	80.91	948.36	1,605.00
Victor Lau (NGA)	4,509.19	40,122.00	–	31.50	47.05	21.20
Randall W. Edge (Sask.)	1,873.54	40,122.00	–	–	–	–
Totals	83,265.59	160,488.00	–	112.41	1,544.81	3,696.20

(a) Candidate's personal expenses are not included in the total of expenses.
(b) Unpaid claims, if paid, are included in the total of expenses used for the calculation of reimbursement; disputed claims are not.
(c) Candidate failed to qualify for reimbursement pursuant to subsection 265(1) of *The Election Act, 1996*.

Advertising	Services	Goods Supplied	Travel and Hire of Vehicle	Unpaid or Disputed Claims(b)	Total of Expenses	Amount of Reimbursement
9,976.31	12,120.72	7,856.73	–	4,000.00	36,573.16	18,286.58
3,076.25	11,390.93	18,273.68	–	–	35,375.13	17,687.57
455.02	931.46	3,024.56	–	–	4,510.79	(c)
–	–	1,377.54	–	–	1,377.54	(c)
13,507.58	24,443.11	30,532.51	–	4,000.00	77,836.62	35,974.15

By–Election: Constituency of Regina Dewdney

I. Elections Saskatchewan	
A) Administration	
(i) Advertising	$21,659.54
(ii) Information Technology	150.00
(iii) General Contractual Services	205.33
B) Registered Political Parties	
(i) Reimbursement of Registered Political Parties' Election Expenses	166.67
(ii) Reimbursement of Auditors' Fees	856.00
Elections Saskatchewan Expenditure	$23,037.54
II. Constituency	
A) Election Officials	
(i) Returning Officer	$ 4,340.00
(ii) Election Clerk	3,000.00
(iii) Enumerators	9,302.80
(iv) Polls (Officials/Rental of Space)	16,781.80
B) Administration	
(i) General Contractual Services	1,114.00
(ii) Rent of Ground/Buildings/Office Space	1,350.00
(iii) Rental of Office Equipment	814.91
(iv) Telephones	495.80
(v) Miscellaneous Materials/Supplies	31.39
(vi) Postal/Courier/Freight	53.00
(vii) Advertising	2,070.88
(viii) Printing/Duplicating (Ballots/Proclamation/Voters' List)	2,686.99
C) Candidates	
(i) Reimbursement of Candidates' Election Expenses	35,974.15
(ii) Reimbursement of Auditors' Fees	2,322.00
(iii) Interest	46.28
Constituency Expenditure	$80,384.00
Total By–Election Expenditures	**$103,421.54**

Eligible Voters 9,966
Cost Per Voter $10.38 (10.377437)

Community		
Regina	City	